



November 24, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Mr. David Butler, Esquire
Chief Hearing Officer
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated for
Adjustment of Rates and Charges (*This filing includes a request for an
increase to retail electric rates) (See Commission Order No. 2020-313);
Docket No. 2020-125-E

Dear Mr. Butler:

By this letter, Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC") hereby informs the Commission that it has shared Order No. 2020-116-H dated Monday, November 23, 2020, with its Communications and Customer Service personnel to ensure that its customers are informed and prepared for the upcoming public hearings. However, the Company was unable to incorporate the suggestions contained in Order No. 2020-116-H in notice of additional public hearings required by Order No. 2020-777 ("Notice"). As communicated to the Commission in emails dated Wednesday, November 18, 2020,¹ the Company had less than 18 hours from receipt of Order No. 2020-777 to prepare the required Notice and provide it to the printer to ensure that the Notice was provided to the Company's customers no later than the Commission-ordered deadline of December 1, 2020.

Attached hereto is a copy of the Notice that is currently being provided to customers to inform them of the additional opportunities to provide testimony before the Commission in this matter. The Notice provides all of the additional information that the Commission required be included, and the Company removed the traditional references to the Commission found in the title block and at the end of notices provided to customers to reflect that the Notice was written and provided by DESC. However, in the expedited rush to meet the December 1 deadline and as a result of the Company's long-standing practice under Order No. 2013-388 to not include its logo on notices that the Commission requires the Company to provide to its

¹ The referenced emails were posted on the Commission's Docket Management System in the above-referenced docket on November 19, 2020.

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customers, the Company mistakenly failed to include its logo on the Notice mailing. The Company apologizes for this oversight.

If you have any questions, please advise.

Very truly yours,



Matthew W. Gissendanner

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Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record
(all via electronic mail w/ enclosure)

NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARINGS
DOCKET NO. 2020-125-E

APPLICATION OF DOMINION ENERGY SOUTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED FOR ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES (*THIS FILING INCLUDES A REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE TO RETAIL ELECTRIC RATES) (SEE COMMISSION ORDER NO. 2020-313)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Public Service Commission, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817 and Commission Order No. 2020-777, has scheduled two additional public hearings in the above-referenced Docket for customers who wish to testify via telephone conference and for customers who wish to testify in person in the Commission's hearing room at **101 Executive Center Drive in Columbia, South Carolina**. The additional public hearings will be held via teleconference and at the Commission's hearing room at **101 Executive Center Drive in Columbia, South Carolina**, on the following dates and times:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021, from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021, from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

PLEASE BE ADVISED: YOU CAN ONLY TESTIFY DURING ONE OF THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND YOU MAY NOT TESTIFY AGAIN IF YOU HAVE ALREADY TESTIFIED IN ONE OF THE VIRTUAL PUBLIC NIGHT HEARINGS PREVIOUSLY HELD IN THIS DOCKET.

IF YOU WISH TO **TESTIFY** AT THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARINGS, YOU MUST DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY, **JANUARY 6TH, 2021, NO LATER THAN 4:45 P.M.**, ANY PERSON DESIRING TO TESTIFY AS A PUBLIC WITNESS SHALL PROVIDE THE COMMISSION (A) YOUR NAME, AND (B) THE TELEPHONE NUMBER THAT YOU WISH THE COMMISSION TO CALL DURING THE HEARING TO RECEIVE YOUR TESTIMONY. YOUR NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER MAY BE PROVIDED TO THE COMMISSION IN TWO WAYS: BY E-MAILING COMMUNICATIONS@PSC.SC.GOV OR BY CALLING **803-896-5133**.
2. PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER YOU INTEND TO TESTIFY VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE OR IN-PERSON AND WHETHER YOU INTEND TO TESTIFY ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 5TH, 2021, OR ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 2021.
3. ALSO, BE ADVISED THAT YOU WILL BE CALLED IN THE ORDER YOU SIGNED UP TO SPEAK. IF YOU REQUEST TO TESTIFY IN PERSON, THE COMMISSION WILL NOTIFY YOU WHEN TO ENTER THE BUILDING, VIA TEXT OR TELEPHONE CALL. FURTHER, THE COMMISSION WILL ARRANGE TO CLEAN BEFORE AND AFTER EACH WITNESS AND WILL LIMIT WITNESSES TO ONE IN THE HEARING ROOM AT A TIME.

With any in-person public hearing, the Commission will follow and operate the public in-person hearing in accordance with the proper DHEC or CDC guidelines for the safety and welfare of those persons participating and/or in the hearing room.

Persons who wish to testify before the Public Service Commission regarding the Application may do so at this hearing. Individuals shall be permitted a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentations. All testimony will be given under oath and entered into the record of the case subject to objection by the Parties.

Please note the Commissioners will be present to listen to your testimony and statements regarding this Application. The Code of Judicial Conduct prohibits the Commissioners from answering questions regarding this Application or discussing this case with you individually.

Persons seeking further information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at **(803) 896-5100** or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

On August 14, 2020, Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC" or the "Company") filed an application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") requesting certain proposed adjustments, changes, and increases in its rates and charges and tariffs for retail electric service (the "Application") with an effective filing date of August 15, 2020. The Application was filed pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. §§58-27-820, 58-27-860, and 58-27-870 (2015, as amended), Commission Regulation 103-823 (2012), and other applicable laws and rules.

According to the Application, the proposed rates and charges represent an overall increase in revenues of approximately \$178 million or 7.75%.

Costs associated with the abandoned V.C. Summer Units 2 & 3 construction project are not included in the rates requested in this Application.

At its August 26, 2020, Commission Business Meeting, the Commission issued a directive which stated, in part, "... Dominion shall maintain the historical test period as 12-months ended December 31, 2019, which is January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, and that Dominion is further required to update its historical test period results for known and measurable changes as of September 30, 2020."

DESC has not sought a rate increase for base electric rates since 2012 exclusive of changes in the fuel component and the recovery of costs and revenues associated with demand side management and energy efficiency programs and other rider-based charges. Since that time, DESC states in its Application it has made continued investments in assets and operating resources required to serve an expanding customer base; to maintain the safety, reliability, and efficiency of its system; and to meet increasingly stringent reliability, security and environmental requirements. The Application also states the Company has experienced an increase in depreciation expense and property taxes associated with these investments. Also, the Application states that since the close of the prior test year, more than eight years ago; DESC's costs of providing retail electric service to its customers have increased. The Application also states the Consumer Price Index, as issued by the United States Department of Labor Bureau of

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Labor Statistics, shows producer prices have increased by approximately 14% since the close of the prior test year. As a result of these and other changes, which are set out in more detail in the Application, DESC states its current rates and charges are not sufficient to allow the Company a reasonable opportunity to recover its actual cost of providing electric service to customers including the cost of the debt and equity capital invested in the electric system.

**DOMINION RESIDENTIAL SERVICE - RATE 8
CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATE EXAMPLE**

	Current	Proposed
1000 kWh per month (Before Tax Rider)	\$126.18	\$131.99
1000 kWh per month (After Tax Rider)	\$122.31	N/A

The Application further proposes

- to create a vegetation management accrual to establish a stable basis for funding the vegetation control plans that are necessary to ensure resiliency in storms and protect the safe and reliable operation of DESC's distribution and transmission systems
- to restore collection of the Storm Damage Reserve component of rates
- to make certain changes in its General Terms and Conditions for Retail Electric Service
- to discontinue an experimental commercial rate, Rate 21A, Experimental Program – General Service Time-of Use Demand
- to revise and update the standards under Residential Rate 6 – Energy Saver/Conservation Rate
- to reduce the rate collected under its Demand Side Management program rider (DSM Rider) from the current rate of 0.00220 \$/kwh for residential customers to an adjusted rate of 0.00158 \$/kwh
- to discontinue the Tax Rider that was authorized in 2018 to return tax savings under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 to customers. The Application proposes to return those savings to customers through base rates going forward.

DESC requests if the evidence presented in the hearings and other proceedings so allows, it be permitted to implement rates that differ and/or exceed those set forth in the Application. DESC requests that the proposed increase be effective for bills rendered on and after the first billing cycle of March, 2021.

If the Application or Petition in this case contains a request for adjustment of rates, the rates are subject to potential modification by the Commission during the course of this case.

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